

HOUSE BILL 2691

By Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
Chapter 1, relative to the disposition of certain
children adjudicated delinquent.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131, is amended by adding the
following new subsection:

(d)

(1) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, a juvenile who is
adjudicated delinquent for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would
constitute one (1) of the offenses set out in subdivision (d)(3) shall be committed
to the department of children's services for a period of not less than one (1) year,
or until the child's nineteenth birthday, whichever date occurs first.

(2) The adjudication required by subdivision (d)(1) shall be the least
restrictive adjudication permissible for an applicable juvenile and nothing in this
subsection (d) shall be construed as prohibiting the court from transferring a
juvenile to which this section applies to adult court to stand trial as an adult as
provided in § 37-1-134, or any other dispositional alternative more restrictive than
this subsection (d).

(3) The offenses to which this subsection (d) apply are:

- (A) First degree murder, as prohibited by § 39-13-202;
- (B) Second degree murder, as prohibited by § 39-13-210;
- (C) Voluntary manslaughter, as prohibited by § 39-13-211;

(D) Criminally negligent homicide, as prohibited by § 39-13-212;

and

(E) Reckless homicide, as prohibited by § 39-13-215.

SECTION 2. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Sienna's Law".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all applicable delinquent acts occurring on or after such date.